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# The Parthenon

Marshall University

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1989

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## Criminal Justice closes doors to majors

By Jeremy Leaming  
Staff Editor

The Department of Criminal Justice, with nearly 400 majors and three faculty members, has been forced to close its doors to students looking to earn degrees in criminal justice, instructor of criminal justice said.

Reta K. Roberts said as of Nov. 1 the department has stopped accepting students as majors. Roberts said the department has submitted for approval guidelines requiring students to register for candidacy to become criminal justice majors. These guidelines still have to be approved by several committees before being implemented, she said.

"Because we have only three faculty and 400 some majors, things are not being properly done," Roberts said.

"The department has decided it is time to work for quality rather than quantity."

Roberts said the new system would closely resemble that of the School of Journalism. She said if the new system is approved, students interested in becoming criminal justice majors will be required to have first completed English 101, 102 (or 201 H), Criminal Justice 321 (with at least a C) and have a GPA of 2.25.

"We've been trying to get faculty for four years," Roberts said. "When I first came here, we had under a hundred majors, now we have close to 400. For several years we have been told by the administration that we would get another faculty position."

The chances of being provided another faculty position

are bleak, Roberts said. She said the time has come to control the class size and maintain the department's reputation.

"When you're a senior and you're in a class with 50 students, the chance for individual attention is not there," Roberts said. "The department has always had an open and friendly relationship with students. With the increasing number of students and with only three faculty the friendliness is diminishing."

The 400 criminal justice majors currently in the program will not be affected by the proposed guidelines, Roberts said. According to Roberts, the department will continue to provide those students with the needed education.

## Campus not quite home for some black students

By Julie Vencill  
Reporter

For four years Marshall University is home to thousands of students. But some black students find it hard to be comfortable on a predominantly white campus.

Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student affairs, said black students account for about 3 percent of the student population.

"You can walk around for days and never see someone who looks like you," said Marcy Y. Cain, Ranson sophomore. "It's hard being the only black person in a class. A lot of times I'm afraid to ask someone for a pencil because I don't know what they'll do."

"You never know what kind of attitudes people will have about African-American people."

"I don't feel I will ever be totally accepted at Marshall."

She said she is the only black in two of her classes. "I will never be able to walk into a room and not be noticed as a black woman."

Lisa G. Martin, Bluefield junior, said, "When I first came to Marshall, I was afraid of what would happen to my mind and my perceptions. It was a tough reality when I came here. The Office of Minority Students does a lot to make it better for black students here."

"Marshall has a definite problem with racism," Martin said. "It is hard to be the only black student in a class with 45 white people. Many students here have a bad perception of blacks. They think all we're good for is to do drugs and collect welfare."

"One thing I have to deal with is professors and students who are uninformed about blacks," she said. "There is so much that people

### BLACK AWARENESS WEEK

**Black Awareness Week is designed to expose black culture to others and highlight activities of interest to black students.**

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don't know about me as an African-American. I spend a whole lot of time sharing information with other people.

"Another problem I've had is dealing with the school newspaper because I think it practices bias reporting. A lot of the columns promote a negative stereotype about blacks," Martin said.

Cain agreed that stereotypes are a problem. "When you are the only black student in a class and you stand up for yourself, you get called an 'uppity nigger'. You never know how people perceive you. You don't know if you should try to talk to the other students around you."

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## Survey shows students support increase of fees

8 senators elected, amendments pass

By Marti Leach  
Reporter

Voters overwhelmingly passed three amendments to Student Government's constitution and selected eight candidates to fill student senatorial seats during Wednesday's election.

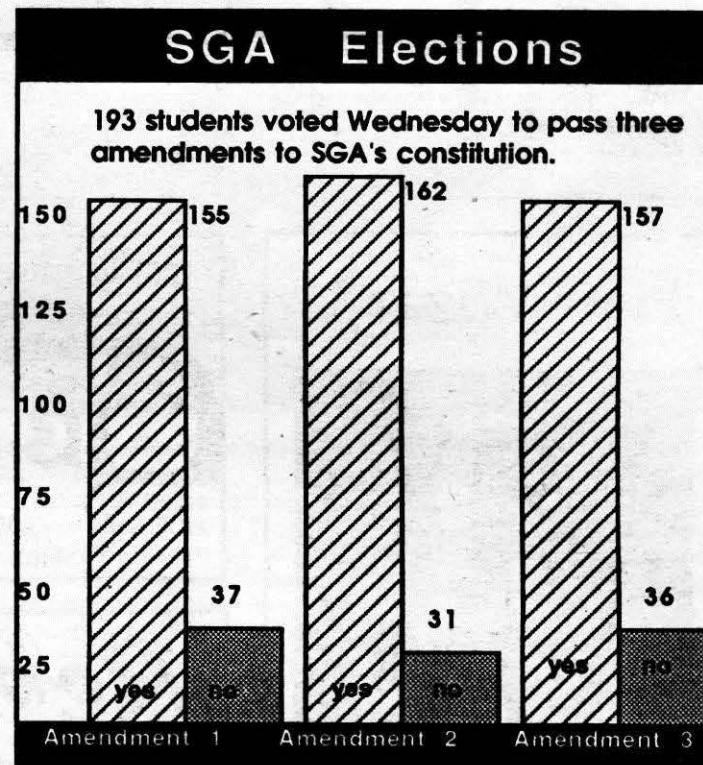
Students also voiced their approval of a proposed 75 cent fee increase for SGA. In a survey taken at the polls, 133 students said they would agree to a 25 cent increase for maintenance of past and present SGA services, as opposed to 76 who disagreed.

One hundred thirty students agreed to a 50 cent increase to be distributed among student organizations. Eighty-five voted against the proposal. The fee increase request is before the Committee to Study Student Fees.

SGA surveyed students after the Student Senate passed a resolution against raising student fees. If surveyed students had opposed the increase, student body president Tracy L. Hendershot had said he would support reallocating the money from other student organizations.

SGA members said 278 students — about 3.7 percent of an estimated 7,500 eligible voters — participated in the election.

Amendment 1 was approved 155 to 37. The amendment will



Parthenon graphic by Pat Sanders

allow for enumerated powers for SGA's business manager, who will be held accountable for SGA funds, enforcing the budget and recommending methods for the expenditure of student activity funds to organizations.

Amendment 2, approved 162 to 31, calls for eliminating wordy clauses and grammatical inconsistencies.

Amendment 3, approved 157 to 36, broadens the Student Court's duties, giving it jurisdiction in cases involving SGA funds allocated to recognized student organizations.

In senate elections, a seat in the College of Liberal Arts will remain empty until a runoff election between candidates Lisa L. Naylor, Huntington sophomore and Rodney D. Davis, Grantsville sophomore.

The election is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday near the second floor south entrance of Smith Hall.

Results in the senate races were:

• College of Liberal Arts — Mark A. Riffle, Clarksburg

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# The Comics

## B STREET



by JON CALDARA

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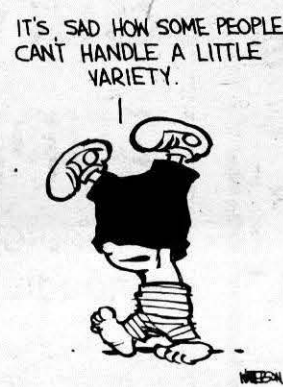
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Raising standards in criminal justice better idea than cap

It's about time.

The Department of Criminal Justice is seeking to implement a plan to raise the standards for those applying for admission into the program. The department has close to 400 majors and only three faculty members.

The department has just closed its doors to any new majors to control class size and maintain the department's reputation, an instructor has said.

Why did they wait so long to raise admission standards?

Granted, a fourth faculty member has been promised to the department for four years. As most department heads will attest, promises often aren't kept. The department should have had a backup plan (such as raising the admission standards) so this overload would not occur.

Now, because of poor planning, many quality students could be shut out of the program. It is not right to prohibit new students from going into criminal justice solely because they didn't slip in early enough.

Once the program raises its admission standards, the problem should be somewhat alleviated. However, the department's woes are a direct result of administration's negligence in acquiring a fourth faculty member.

It is preposterous to think three instructors could handle almost 400 majors while the social work program, for example, has two professors handling just 27 students! That's 133 students for each instructor compared to 13.5 students per teacher in the social work program. And they are getting a third!

What reasoning can administration give for these disproportionate figures? We think no sane reasoning exists.

Although the department should have been better prepared for contingencies such as the overloading problem, the administration should have fulfilled its promises for another faculty member.

We hope no quality students are denied the chance to major in criminal justice because of the plan to control the size of classes. We also support higher admission standards and the hiring of a fourth faculty member. It's long overdue.

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## Readers' Voice

### Reluctant smoker fuming over proposal to ban sales

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the proposed removal of cigarette machines on campus and the ban on the sale of all tobacco products at Marshall. First of all, let me state that I am a cigarette smoker who wishes to quit and I am fuming (no pun intended).

I understand the concern for health safety — I know the dangers of cigarette smoking and cigarette smoke. I also know the basic rights I am endowed with under the Constitution.

"Discontinuance will remove any implicit approval of cigarette smoking make it increasingly inconvenient for students to purchase cigarettes" is perhaps the one quote that offends my sensi-

bilities and intelligence the most. Can this not be compared to the banning and burning of such works of literature as *Catcher in the Rye*, *Slaughterhouse Five*, *Are You There God — It's Me, Margaret*, and *Huckleberry Finn*? Instead of removing the vending machines from campus, why don't we form a large funeral pyre in the field between the Student Center and the Science Building and burn all the cigarette vending machines. While we're at it, let's not forget the vending machines containing candy, because of all of that sugar is certainly leading to tooth decay and hyperactivity in children. I use the word "children" because is that not what we think of when we hear the word "students"? It does not

matter that cigarette that cigarette smoking is not illegal in this country, nor that we are talking about COLLEGE students who are old enough to decide whether or not to smoke. If they are not adult enough to decide this, then how in the world can they help decide who will be President of the United States?

Designated areas for smoking are fine — I find nothing offensive about that but eliminating the vending machines and the sale of tobacco products TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT for those of us who smoke is equivalent to Prohibition which was repealed.

Charlene Anteman  
Secretary, Department  
of Political Science

### America is still a democracy

To the Editor:

This is in response to the cover story "Group proposes on-campus ban of tobacco sales" (November 2). I am growing increasingly weary of such high-handed attempts on the part of certain individuals to restrict the rights and modify the behavior of other individuals with those whose personal decisions and habits they do not agree. I am particularly distressed with the statement made by William O. McMillan Jr. as quoted in *The Parthenon* that the ban is intended to "remove any implicit approval of cigarette smoking and make it increasingly difficult for students to purchase cigarettes." Mr. McMillan, Dr. Nitzschke, and everyone else at Marshall University: I do not require your "approval" to smoke. Smoking is legal in this country and I am over the age of consent. You have no right whatsoever to judge my behavior or to attempt to effect a change in my habits. What I do as a citizen of



a free and pluralistic society is my own business.

What is the next personal decision you wish to make for me? I am tired of this kind of attitude and all that it implies. Whatever the individual's views on smoking, everyone with a brain in his or her head should recognize what is happening here: A vocal faction of our society has decided that it has some sort of obligation to make it difficult for others to do something which is entirely their right to do. The issue here is not whether or not smoking is considered de-

sirable; to quote Gloria Steinem (*Ms.* spring 1989): "In a democracy it is not what is decided that is important, it is *who decides* (emphasis mine). America is still a democracy, the efforts of some people notwithstanding; we who value democracy are simply not going to let it turn into a paternalistic totalitarian state. Now mind your own business.

Susan G. Jackson  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Art

### Recent letters belittle women and their concerns

To the Editor:

We wish to point out to the academic community at large that recent letters to the editor which poked fun at women on the basis of personal appearance (toxic big hair) or a gender-specific attribute (whining) are not only not funny but are insidious in their impact. Such "humor" can, in fact, create a chilly climate for women on our campus; it trivializes all women's abilities and ambitions. Far from being harmless, then, these attempts at humor can

hamper women's continuing struggle to be taken seriously in a competitive academic environment.

Indeed, these same consequences can occur when others are the butt of such humor. The same letters which ridiculed "toxic hair" offered a suggestion that a special vice president be appointed to deal with this "menace" — a thinly veiled reference to the appointment of a Vice President for Cultural and Racial Diversity. The second letter even suggested

that the beleaguered social work faculty be given "toxic hair" monitor duty. Again, what might have appeared at first reading to be tongue-and-cheek humor is actually a trivialization of important issues on campus.

Lest we be labeled as dour people lacking a sense of humor, let us state emphatically that we want to laugh — but not at our own or someone else's expense.

Susan T. Ferrell  
President of Faculty  
Women's Association



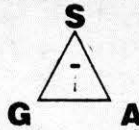
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# Registrar commends registration system

## Some still complain of lines, closed classes

By Amy Cunningham  
Reporter

After a week of early morning camp-outs and lists of closed classes for the spring semester, thoughts about the new registration system are in.

According to Registrar Robert H. Eddins, students have been very responsive and there have been very few complaints.

Computerized registration began Oct. 30. The system was implemented in June, giving the registrar's office time to master the procedure.

The new system takes only a maximum of four keyboard strokes for the office staff while the traditional method could take as many as 12. A hardware breakdown was the only major problem last week.

The benefits of the new technology were to be less registration form "fill-ins" and shorter lines for the students. However, some students say it has not seemed to have had an impact on waiting time in the

mornings. Expanding the undergraduate registration schedule from four to five days has not made life any easier, they say. "After three days and a combined total of two hours, I have at least gotten a few classes of my choice," Jim Work, Grafton junior, said.

Joy L. Price, Ashland, Ky., senior, said she was "third in line but I had to get here at 6:30 in the morning to do so."

Eddins said the lines and the time are "a direct result of the students not being prepared," instead of problem with the system. "When students come to us with fines or do not have a mandatory adviser's signature, we can't register them. We can't give them classes that are closed. Students need to plan ahead."

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, more than 4,000 students had registered, according to Eddins. The shortest lines are recorded during the afternoon and during class time.

The last day for registration before Christmas break is Dec. 15 while the registration deadline is Jan. 12.

# Tutoring offers assistance for those needing miracle

By Loraine Hourani-Stout  
Reporter

You've been up all night studying and still have no idea what's going on in class. Short of a miracle, you see no way of passing your exam. Finals will be a nightmare and you shudder at the thought of what your grade average is in the class.

Don't despair, there is help!

The Education Support Program (ESP), a division of the Office of Student Affairs, offers tutoring to students. All students have to do is request it, according to Jane E. Hess, assistant coordinator of ESP.

Hess said tutors are students who have specific expertise.

"We then coordinate students who are having difficulties in those area with the most suitable tutor," Hess said. "For example, if a student is having difficulty in accounting and finance classes, we try to find a tutor who is good in both areas."

Tutors have no specific qualifications other than ability, she said. "We have Yeager Scholars, graduate assistants, beautiful blondes and tall, dark handsome guys with killer-eyes who are tutors," she said.

This may sometimes lead to the wrong impression of what the purpose of the program is, she said. "We had one male student come in and request a tutor in math. We assigned him a male. He was dissatisfied and specifically asked if his tutor could be a female. That's not the sort of thing we are into," Hess added.

Many problems are confronted through the program. "A student may be having problems with study skills, finding out what the teacher expects, or understanding concept," she said. "We find the most appropriate tutor. The tutor does not have to have the same professor, but the tutor should at least know the professor and what is expected in the class," she ex-

plained.

A total of 381 students have been assigned tutors through the program. There are 65 tutors. "Most requests for tutors are in math. More than 100 students are being tutored in math this semester," Hess said.

Stephen W. Hensley, associate dean of student affairs, said there is a waiting list for tutors in chemistry, physics, and biology. "Most requests are in the fields of math and science," he said. "Science courses are of major concern. We are anxious to find qualified tutors in these areas and may have to turn kids away that really need help."

"There are some requests for assistance in English but not many. Most referrals for English are referred to the Writing Clinic in the English Department. They help their own students and I respect their services greatly."

References are checked before tutors are hired. "We can't take an individual's word that he is capable of tutoring. We need confirmation from professors in the department the tutor claims is his/her field of expertise."

Tutors are paid based on experience. Pay ranges from \$4 to \$5 an hour. The program has an annual budget of \$33,000 and receives with \$2.15 per semester in student activity fees from each full-time student.

Hess said connections between tutor and student don't always work.

"Our job is to initiate and facilitate a dialogue between the tutor and the student. We give the student the tutor's phone number and vice versa. Once phone numbers are exchanged, it is up to those individuals to contact each other and set up a time to meet. A lot of times, as with any relationship, it doesn't work out. Arrangements are made and the student doesn't show up. The tutor then has to come back for a reassignment," Hess said.



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# Parking tickets dropped for those who give blood

By Maribeth Brooks  
Reporter

Some students give blood because they are charitable. Others do it to get out of paying a parking ticket. Regardless of the reason, the Huntington Chapter of the American Red Cross is glad to get it.

A Red Cross blood drive will continue today in the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and as an incentive to donate, the Red Cross in connection with the MU Parking Office will clear donors of two parking citations.

The blood drive began yesterday in the student center and "started out pretty good," according to Ethel McCallister, human resources volunteer.

Donors are especially appreciated because of the "high need for critical blood types," Vicki Aleshire, public relations director, said. She identified those types as

*"The last few times we've been here, it hasn't been as good as it ought to be."*

Ethel McCallister

A, B, and O negative.

Though there is always a need, Marshall students have traditionally been reluctant to give. "The last few times we've been here, it hasn't been as good as it ought to be," McCallister said.

Volunteers are encouraged to donate, provided they weigh 110 pounds or more, are between the ages of 17 and 70, and have not donated within the last 55 days, according to Aleshire.

## Bug off!

Professor trying to rid greenhouse of insects

By Jack Bailey  
Reporter

A common problem among greenhouses has come to Marshall — that of insects infesting the plants.

According to Dr. Marcia Harrison, who oversees the science building's greenhouse facilities, "All greenhouses have pests. In our greenhouse we have a problem with mealybugs, but it is not a serious problem."

"The only real problem that we have had is with our cycad plant. That particular plant has scales and the bugs were able to burrow under those scales and escape our spraying," she said.

"Even though the plant appears dead, cycads are known to lose their leaves at this time of year anyway, and I am not giving up hope. For the time being the plant is being stored outside so it will not infect other plants," she added.

She stressed however, "This (the insect problem) is not a serious problem for two

reasons. First, in our greenhouse the plants are stored in individual rooms so insects do not get the chance to spread. Secondly, we have a concrete floor and since insects cannot burrow in concrete we are able to deal with them easily."

A few plants that are being used in research projects are housed in the greenhouse facilities, but Harrison said they were in no danger. "The research plants are in no danger, we have found no insects on any of them."

The greenhouse environment is ideal for insects according to Harrison. "There are no birds, or predators," she said. "All of the insects normal problems are eliminated."

Harrison said the job of maintaining the greenhouse is often long and time consuming. "A lot of work goes on in here, and most of it is done by students on work study. They have to spend a lot of time in here checking the plants, and I think that under the conditions they do a great job."

## Legislators coming to campus to talk to students and faculty

By Kimberly Knotts  
Reporter

Members of the Legislative Higher Education Subcommittee will be on campus Friday and Saturday to talk with students and faculty.

Several informal activities are scheduled for the weekend.

A general faculty meeting will be held Friday in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Kathryn Chezik, faculty senate president, said the meeting should be open and include a spontaneous question and answer session. "It is not the number of people who come but the value of the questions that these people ask that makes the difference," she stated. "The better the questions, the greater the impact."

There is no set agenda, but Chezik said

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Kathryn Chezik

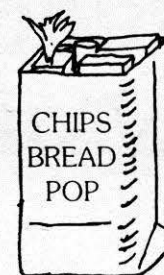
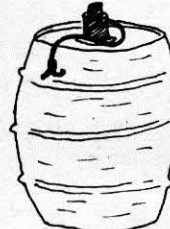
funding is the major issue. "We've raised the student fees and we still don't have enough," she said. "The students are doing their part, and now the state must realize that they can do more."

She also stressed it is the school in general that needs this funding, not just the instructors.

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# Budget proposal could raise pay of university employees

By Jill Wilson  
Associated Press Writer

PARKERSBURG — University of West Virginia system employees would receive a 5 percent salary increase Jan. 1 and another 5 percent pay raise six months later under a budget proposal approved Wednesday by the state Board of Trustees.

The budget proposal, which is \$23.8 million more than the board is receiving this fiscal year, also includes \$3.7 million in "equity funding" in a bid to equalize funding among the individual institutions.

The Board of Trustees is to receive a total of \$170.2 million in state funding this fiscal year, which ends June 30, and is seeking in its proposal of \$194.04 million for the 1990-91 budget.

The budget request goes to Gov. Gaston Caperton for his consideration in coming up with his state budget request to the Legislature for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

"We know the state resources are limited," said board president David Hardesty. "The only thing we can do in that situation is set priorities. We know the highest priority is establishing competitive salaries."

Earlier during Wednesday's meeting in Parkersburg, state Senate President Keith Burdette, D-Wood, told trustees they need to make a realistic budget request.

"If they don't, they'll fall victim to the same problem as their predecessors," Burdette said, referring to the Board of Regents, which was abolished last July 1.

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salaries," he said. "We need to start concentrating on salaries instead of buildings."

In its last few years, the Board of Regents dedicated more than \$100 million to new buildings and construction projects in an attempt to replace or renovate dilapidated structures, including the crumbling Fairfield Stadium at Marshall.

The Board of Trustees also agreed to include as an appendix to its budget request about \$11.7 million in programs, faculty-staff positions and other improvements sought by school presidents.

The board is not formally requesting funding for the "improvement package," but wanted to include the items in case lawmakers are willing to come up with the money to pay for them.

In other action, the board approved a request from Marshall to acquire two parcels of land totaling \$118,000 for the new \$30 million football stadium and a parcel valued at \$48,000 for parking space beside the school's new fine arts building.

## Black

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Queen E. Foreman, director of affirmative action/human resources, said it is not uncommon for black students to have problems on a predominantly white campus because there aren't enough black professors to serve as role models.

"I think it can get very lonely for black students if they don't have a role model they can relate to," she said.

W. David Hall, Parkersburg graduate assistant, sees differences ways black and white students can behave. "For example, I would not feel comfortable calling a professor by first name, but I know white students who do. I think if I did, it would be looked at as disrespectful."

Cain said no one has ever said anything racist to her face, but she has been yelled at by people driving by in cars. "It bothers me because I know this is something I have to deal with every day. I am always scared of other people's attitudes toward me because I am black."

"It can be very intimidating to feel like you are all alone. If there were more black students in my classes, I would feel as if I had an ally," she added.

## Survey

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junior, and Darlene R. Bennett, Beaver sophomore.

• College of Business — James V. Stewart, Charleston junior, and Timothy D. Stewart, Miami junior.

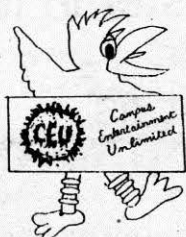
• College of Education — Deborah L. Bole, Wheeling senior, and David R. Webb, Kitts Hill, Ohio, sophomore.

• School of Nursing — Terri L. McComas, Huntington senior.

• Graduate School — Robert K. Calloway Jr., Huntington graduate student.

Candidates have 48 hours to ask for a recount or file a grievance disputing the results.

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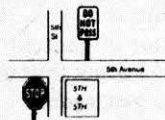
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# Sports

## Let's keep the Heisman; none of them deserve it

In just another few weeks, writers will be asked to send in their ballots for the Heisman Trophy.

Now despite what some of you might think, people don't think enough of me to allow me to vote. I won't let that stop me from sharing my feelings about the subject.

### What could have been

At the beginning of the season, I was really excited that there wasn't any candidate who had already won the bronze statue. In years past, publicity had been so much in favor of one candidate that there was no reason to vote. For example, no one would have thought of voting for anyone but Tim Brown two years ago.

Little things like Craig Heyward leading the nation in total yardage didn't cause voters to think twice. Brown had been on television, Brown had been in the news, Brown had attended Notre Dame, Brown had to win the Heisman. Kind of monotonous, isn't it?

It was the same way the year before that, when Miami's Vinnie Testaverde won the Heisman going away despite a phenomenal season by Temple's Paul Palmer. Rather than giving the Heisman to the best player in college football, the common practice has become, "Let's give it to the best player whose team is on national television every week."

Before all of you start crying about last year's winner, Barry Sanders, I concede the voters made the right choice. But my grandmother could have looked at numbers and noticed that the young man from Oklahoma State had twice as much in every category than anyone else in the world.

### Special award for Harris

But let's get back to this year. Since we are in the state of West Virginia, let's start with the Mountaineer "candidate," Major Harris. He received more votes last year than anyone else who returned, making him the leading candidate.

I don't hide my animosity toward WVU, and it's not just because I am at Marshall. I have hated the Mountaineers as long as I have been watching football, which goes back about 19 years now. God willing, I will live to hate them another 19 years.

In spite of that, I was willing to admit that Harris might be the best player in the country.

I was Wrong.

After the tie against Pitt in which WVU failed to show up for the fourth quarter, I began to wonder. The next week against Virginia Tech, a team which East Carolina beat, Major's offense managed only three field goals. He sealed his fate at Penn State this weekend when he had over 300 yards total offense but fumbled four times in another loss.

Rather than giving Harris the Heisman Trophy, I would propose he be awarded the "Heimlich Trophy," which will be given to the player who plays his worst in big games. Another fine candidate for that award would be Air Force quarterback Dee Dowis, who managed to disappear in the Falcons game against Notre Dame but has still run for more than 1,000 yards as a quarterback.

While we're talking about the Fighting

Chris Stadelman  
Sports Editor



Irish, I will take the opportunity to dispose of quarterback Tony Rice. Rice isn't even the best player on the team, let alone in the country. If we have to have a winner from Notre Dame, let's look at tailback/receiver/returner Raghib Ismail. He still doesn't deserve it, but he comes closer than Rice ever will.

### Ware is just stats

The final quarterback which could be considered a candidate is Houston's Andre Ware, who is compiling statistics that boggle the mind. Ware has passed for 3,413 yards and 36 touchdowns, 15 more than anyone else in the country. He has thrown six touchdown passes in a game twice.

There are two major problems with Ware's statistics. First of all, in the offense the Cougars run, it's next to impossible not to get stats like that. As a team, they are leading the country with 642 yards a game. The reason they are able to do that is the second problem. Many of the teams they have played are on a high school level.

In the Southern Methodist game, Houston scored 95 points. Not the type of competition worthy of a Heisman vote.

### Say no to running backs

Moving on to running backs, we find even fewer candidates. Leading the list would be Florida's Emmitt Smith. Smith has rushed for 1,214 yards, the second highest total in the country. In fact, if the trophy has to be awarded, he should probably get it, although since he is a junior some voters are already against him.

The only problem I can cite with Smith is that he is terribly inconsistent. He has had games with more than 300 yards and also been held to less than 100. He does play a tough schedule in the Southeast Conference, but I would prefer more consistency.

Two more backs deserve mention. Anthony Thompson of Indiana has a world of talent and may be the number one pick in the NFL draft. However the Hoosier football team is not coached by Bobby Knight and they don't win like one of his teams either. With 1,137 yards thus far, Thompson may have performed better than anyone else and he also set the NCAA career record for touchdowns with 60.

Penn State's Blair Thomas was selected at the beginning of the year by Sports Illustrated as the leading candidate. He's having a fine season, but he hasn't had a good enough one and isn't even over the 1,000 mark yet.

All things considered, the trophy should not be awarded this year. I would suggest instead that it be given to all of the deserving players in the past who did not win it. Since that won't happen, we might as well wait and see which of the "candidates" mentioned is the last standing.

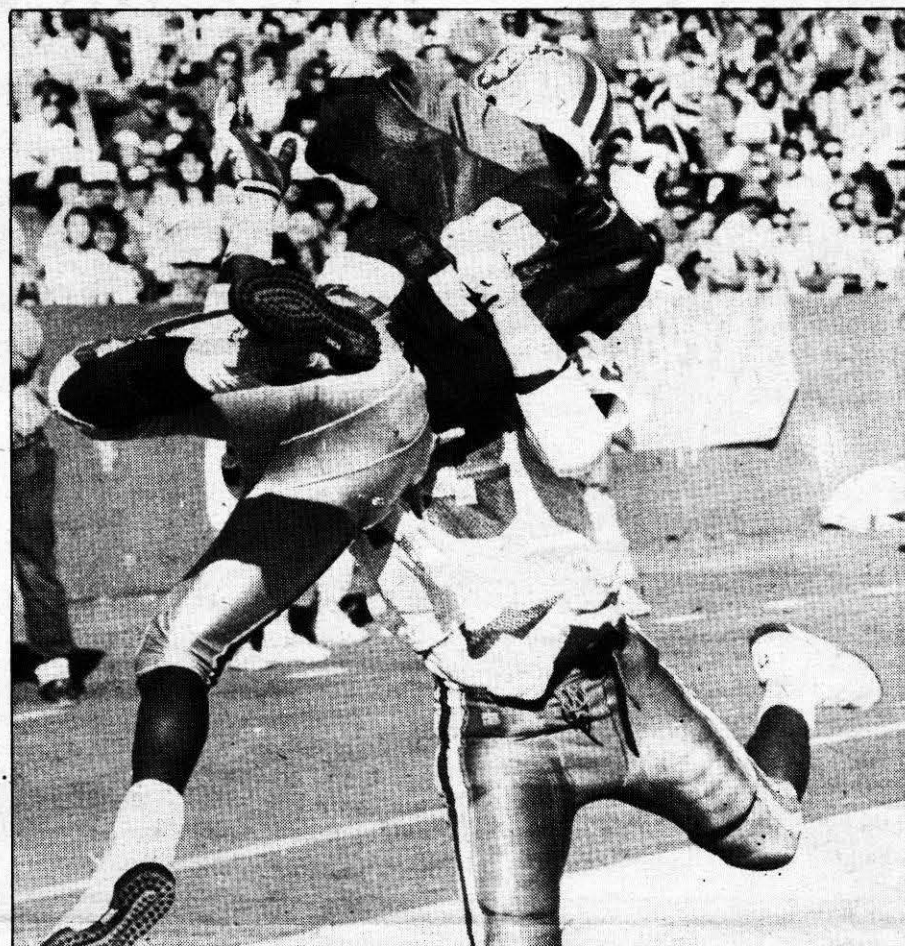


Photo by Todd Burns

Wide receiver Andre Motley pulls down a touchdown pass against VMI. The Herd beat the Keydets 40-10 for Marshall's Homecoming.

## Lady Herd looking to upset top seeds; repeat as champs

By Cindy Shank  
Reporter

Marshall's volleyball team enters the Southern Conference Tournament at Johnson City, Tenn., this weekend as the lowest seeded team, but it still plans to repeat as conference champions, according to Coach Martha Newberry.

The Lady Herd is seeded sixth in the tournament with a 7-18 record, but that is not a concern, Newberry said.

Newberry said the top-seeded team rarely wins the championship. "Last year the team seeded first was out in the second round, so I think we have a real good chance."

Marshall's first game is Friday at 5 p.m. against Furman. Newberry said the Herd beat Furman in the first round last year and plans to do the same this year. "I don't think they are a stronger team than we are, but they do have a lot more upperclassmen than we do," she said. "We should see a realistically close match."

Newberry said if Marshall wins the Furman game its next game would be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of the Western Carolina-East Tennessee State match.

"I think it will be East Tennessee because it's their home court and they always play well on their home court,"

Newberry said. "To beat them we need to come out early and win the first game and silence their home crowd. The key will be getting the momentum going."

Newberry said if Marshall plays Western Carolina it will have to control one dominating player. "If we can control their best player, Regina Brown, the rest of their players aren't very strong."

The two remaining teams will play Sunday at 2 p.m. for the Southern Conference Championship. Newberry said even though the Lady Herd's record this year has been less than perfect, many teams still fear them because Marshall won the tournament last year. "I think a lot of the teams were hoping not to get into our bracket."

The two Marshall players Newberry said she is counting on to play their best at the tournament are senior Kim Eby and sophomore Kellie Beckelheimer. The two lead the team in hitting.

Newberry said if Marshall wins the conference tournament it will be able to go to the National Women's Intercollegiate Volleyball Championship at the University of Alabama-Birmingham Dec. 1-2.

"None of the women's teams from Marshall have ever been there before so it would be a really nice challenge," Newberry said.



# Impressions

## Card reading therapeutic, not witchcraft

Hobby's real profit comes from helping people become better, more caring, student says

By Tina M. Alford  
Reporter

Michelle doesn't have a crystal ball. She doesn't live in a mobile home with beads dangling from the door facing. She doesn't wear long flowing gowns and scarves or noisy jewelry, and she adamantly insists she's not a fortune teller.

H. Michelle Polakovs is an average student with average grades and an average life. But Polakovs has a colorful hobby—she "reads cards."

A card reader, she said, isn't the same as a fortune teller. The cards are supposed to let a person get to know themselves. "All it is to me is a therapeutic way to answer problems in a metaphysical, mystical way," she said.

When Polakovs "reads cards" she said only three things are necessary: her Tarot card deck, her Tarot book, and high concentration. She asks the "subject" to shuffle the cards before she deals them into a tree-shaped figure called the "tree of life" or Kabbalah.

*When you see the readings, there's nothing that could guide you in a negative way. It's all telling you to do things better."*

H. Michelle Polakovs

Because there are 54 cards in a Tarot deck, each with a different meaning, she refers to her book often to double-check the reading.

After she assembles the cards on the table she explains the meaning of each card, she describes incidents and people in the subject's life that might be important. She said it is a good idea for a person to go to a reading with a question they want answered, something to use as a guide.

Polakovs said despite what most people think about them, the cards are not a form of witchcraft.

"They're not evil," she said. "When you see the readings, there's nothing that could guide you in a negative way. It's all telling you to do things better."

years, but she didn't begin reading the cards seriously until about a year and a half ago. "I've studied a lot of religions; I've studied a lot of occult, and I didn't go into this wholeheartedly. . . I just like to use Tarot as a method of communication."

Although she doesn't charge people to read their cards, Polakovs said her profit comes from helping people. "If I could make one or two more people be a better, more caring person, then it's worth it to me."

Her grandmother, who emigrated from the Soviet Union with her father before the Iron Curtain fell, also read Tarot cards along with tea leaves. Polakovs said she thinks her father has had the biggest influence on her desire to pursue her interest in the abstract and especially her fascination with Tarot cards.

"My father's side of the family were all show people, circus people. They traveled around in caravans. . . My father always was a teacher of ideas. He was an entertainer, a performer. No idea was too weird."

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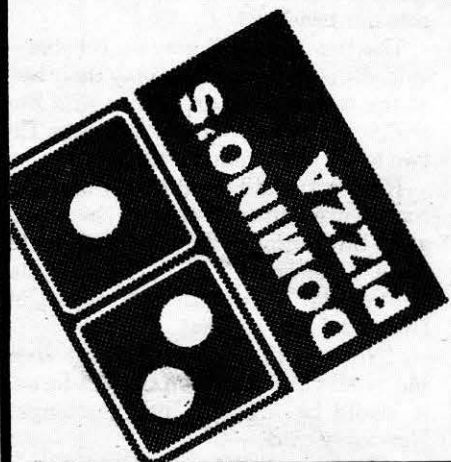
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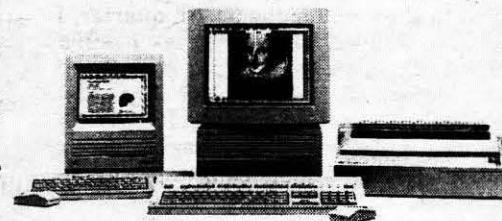
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